



Application# 10/602,105
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Title: Vertical Flex trailer hitch

Replacement Sheet

CLAIM

We claim:

1. A towing hitch apparatus for pivotally connecting the tongue of a trailer to a towing vehicle, said hitch apparatus comprising a solid steel platform for receiving a towing element and adapted to be slidably received into a vehicle mounted receiver tube which has at least one aperture in an outer wall thereof for receiving a retaining means for locking said apparatus to the tube; compression devices, disposed opposite one another and attached to said steel platform and arranged between said steel platform and walls of receiver tube so to allow limited vertical pivotal movement between the receiver and hitch while absorbing shock or vibration transmitted between a trailer and a vehicle.

2. The towing hitch apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said disposed compression devices are neoprene.